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Mangere Bridge Anzac Day Parade

At 9.00am ANZAC morning the village was full of families waiting for the start of the ANZAC parade down Coronation Road. The weather was warm and the rain held off until the afternoon. Crowds lined the parade route on both sides, many said it was the largest parade ever. There were more than 1000 people in attendance and as the parade passed the crowd joined the walk up to the War Memorial Hall.

The parade consisted of veterans, and their family members, Army, Air Force, and Navy personnel plus representatives from the Police, St John Youth, Mangere Bridge and Mangere East, Keas, Cubs and Scouts, Adventurers, Brownies and Guides. Sir Douglas Bader intermediate students were in uniform looking smart, Sea scouts, were just some of the groups parading all proudly wearing their uniforms.

It was great to see so many young people and whole families joining in and attending the service. The hall was packed with many listing from outside. There was a marquee and sound system set up on the grass. Three children from Nga Iwi Primary School had written lovely stories with each framed and presented to dignitaries; Local MP, Su'a William Sio, Chair of the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board, Lemauga Lydia Sosene and Lou Gibb representing the Returned Services Association. A choir sang the moving song "Sons of Gallipoli" by permission of Father Chris Skinner SM. If you have not heard this song you can find it on "You Tube". Val Payne QSM from the Mangere Historical Society shared some research she had done on the names on the Roll of honor in the War Memorial hall. Many Mangere Bridge and Mangere residents fought in the Great War and some of their stories were told by Val. It was nice to have more than a name to remember these people by.

The service ended with the planting of a special pine, which is a seedling child raised from a pinecone seeds bought back from Gallipoli after the war and planted in Australia. Seeds from this original tree were gifted to grow these seedlings on and Mangere Bridge was lucky to get one. Wreaths were laid, the last post was played and the ode read. It was a fabulously moving and well attended service and those that gave their lives, health and service were remembered.

The Mangere Bridge Poppy project run by the Mangere Bridge Village Business Association and Harcourts was an amazing success with over 4500 poppies at final count coming in. The trees look fabulous and have been a great photo opportunity for many on ANZAC day. A big heartfelt thank you to all those that contributed poppies and time to get this project across the line and ready for ANZAC day. The trees will remain dressed for the next month or so and when removed the woolen poppies will be stitched into a wall hanging that can be used at the Mangere Bridge ANZAC services in the future.

What's on in the Bridge

- MONDAY** Guides 6-8pm.
CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.
Methodist Church Hall.
St John Youth - 6:30-8:00pm.
Wriggle & Whyne 9:30 -
School Term only, MB Library
Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm
Bridge Crt Hall
- TUESDAY** Keas 5-6pm
Cubs 5-6:30pm
- WEDNESDAY** Brownies 6-7:30pm
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm
Mangere Mountain Education Ctr.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls
Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
- THURSDAY** Bridge Art Group, 9am - 12:00,
Memorial Hall
Scouts 7-9pm.
Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
- FRIDAY** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
Playball 2-5 years 9:15-9:55am, Mangere
Bridge Scout Hall, Taylor Rd
- SATURDAY** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- SUNDAY** Village Boutique Market 9am - 1pm
- Mon/Tue/Thu Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
- Tue - Thu Mangere Bridge Walking group 9am
Meet at Village notice board - 636 3556
- Mon/Wed/Fri Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
- 2nd Wed R & R Meeting 7.30pm
St James Church Hall
Library Book Club 10:30am
- 1st Thu Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips
phone 526 0250.
- 3rd Tue Mangere Historical Soc 1:30pm St James
Hall Church St
- 4th Wed Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30
- 4th Fri Probus, Mangere Bridge - Bridge bowling
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Village Happenings

with Kate

Well the weather is definitely changing and we are now having cooler days and evenings,

Time to rug up and brace ourselves for the cooler months ahead.

We have been a busy village lately with the food and wine festival, Anzac parade, Poppy project it's all been really exciting and just proves what a great community we live in.

The Food and Wine Festival was a great success and luckily the weather held out for the day. I would like to say a big thank you to all those that made the day possible, Donna Hansen, Carol-Anne Armitage. To the Harcourts team, Four Winds and the Local board for their funding this makes the event possible, Thanks to the Zero waste team who provided us with recycling and compost bins, from this event we managed to divert 91.8% of waste from landfill, this is amazing, so a big thank you to Meredith, Zero Waste, and team from Onehunga Mangere football club that manned the bins for us.

I hope by now everyone has seen the Poppies on display in the village square. This was an amazing tribute made by members of the community, thanks to Pauline Anderson for running this project and to all the lovely ladies and the local guides group that helped make them and put them all together.

Village Focus

HOUSE OF NATIVES – Opening in the old stationery shop, due to open early May.

Upcoming events 2015

Mangere Bridge Santa Parade 2015

This year's parade will be on Thursday the 3rd December.

Will be contacting people over the next few weeks for float entries and details.

I can be contacted through the Business Association's website:

www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz

kind regards

Kate Adams

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

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Mangere Bridge School

We have started Term 2 on a very positive note with a large number of new students and families joining our school community. We warmly welcome all of these families to Mangere Bridge School. This is a friendly, welcoming school community and we are confident you will enjoy your time with us.

Our Term 2 Concept for learning is "Opportunity" (Mea angitu). A key understanding we are nurturing and exploring is that opportunity is seeing possibilities and making choices. Students are exploring questions such as "what choices do I have?" and "where do my choices take me?" We were straight into our learning with a school-wide visit to the Stardome Observatory in Week 1 of the term. This was a fantastic way to start our learning with children excited and motivated by the experience.



As part of our learning about the significance of ANZAC Day, our children made poppies at the end of last term. This was a great focus for learning about the significance of ANZAC Day and why we need to make it a special event. The poppies have been installed outside Moana Nui a Kiwa pool in Mangere town centre as part of the arts centre installation

Anzac Parade Photos



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Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

Mangere Bridge Resident and Ratepayers are still very concerned at the prolific rate of return growth of the harbourside mangroves.

We have members who are part of the strong group of Friends of the Farm who have already spent an energetic Saturday morning collecting

Large bags full of this offending weed from the first bay around from the old Bridge. May 23rd is the next attack on the multitude of seeds that have stacked up on the beaches and in the rocks, ready to put down their roots and start a new plant. Everyone is invited to come along and help preserve our foreshore.

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Great learning Happens at Waterlea.

As a result of a partnership with Watercare the students from Waterlea have helped the public become more knowledgeable about the birds that visit our local shores. In 2014 all classes researched local birds and created posters with pictures and important facts. One poster from each class was chosen to become part of a display in the Ambury Farm section of the cycle way. Following on from this the posters were then compiled into a booklet to be donated to our local Mangere Bridge library. We appreciated this learning opportunity made possible by Watercare

The World Cup Cricket has rubbed off onto many of the students with games of cricket popping up in the playground as children had fun with their friends. This took a more serious turn when a team from Waterlea took on budding cricketers from Mangere Bridge School – Waterlea smiled all the way home!

This term the children are sharing their learning and their new goals with their parents at their conferences. These conference nights are a great occasion when families come to school to celebrate their children's learning milestones and to think about ways to help future learning.

Recently our wonderful PTA ran a cultural evening where our families brought food from their country of origin to share with others – lots of tasty dishes to try and a great chance to meet other families.

In Term 1 the Years 3-6 explored learning opportunities in a new project called Development of Experiences. The children bubbled with excitement during these small group sessions which included such things as craft, tennis, basketball, embroidery and baking. All this was made possible by the generous giving of time and expertise from members of the community to whom we are very grateful. In Term 2 the Years 1-2 are to trial something similar when their children will get a chance to SHINE.

We Need Your HELP!

The Mangere Bridge Newsletter has been struggling to get enough articles to fill the newsletter for the past few months, if you know any groups or anything in the Mangere Bridge area that have news or events happening please get them to contact me at articles@mangerebridge.co.nz to ensure they don't get missed out... They can also go on our monthly reminder to ensure if they have regular events they are always on top of it

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Mangrove Community Working Bees

By Frances Hancock

It's truly amazing what 25 Mangere Bridge volunteers can achieve in a two-hour community working bee on the Manukau Harbour. On 11th April great teamwork, a sense of humour, and a determined attitude cleared the little bay near the old bridge of 28 bags of mangrove seedlings! A great workout slushing through the mud left everyone exhausted and hugely satisfied!

We had fantastic support from Ambury Park Farm Ranger, Janine, and Farm volunteer, Darren. Community leader, 91 year old Bill Kirk, brought water to wash down volunteers and provide us all with a drink. Bill was despatched to buy more bags when we exceeded expectations for what could be achieved. Jacqui, a resident, took photographs to record the impact of our efforts, and Meredith, who lives near the bay, spread the word.

This year a proliferation of mangrove seedlings along the Esplanade has caused concern among locals. To maintain harbour views and access, Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Association has led community action to remove mangrove seedlings over many years. But the problem persists due to the accelerating growth of mangrove trees in the upper harbour. The Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board is showing leadership by funding some mangrove removal east of the new bridge. But west of the old bridge is for locals to manage. Brian Pilkington and I organise annual working bees. This time we tried an "Our Patch" approach, inviting residents near the bay to share guardianship of the harbour's wellbeing. It's a terrific way to build a sense of community.

Another mangrove working bee is planned for Saturday 23 May 2015. We're calling all our community volunteers and Kiwi Esplanade residents to remove seedlings at Shelly Bay (by the Mangere Boating Club and the children's playground) and surrounding areas. This Council-supported working bee will take place rain or shine, from 9am-11.30am. If you have them, bring gardening gloves and a bucket, and wear footwear that won't get stuck in mud (sneakers or wet booties). Please come along and lend a hand.

Mangere Bridge Library

Monday: Wriggle & Rhyme 9.30am – School Term Only, Mangere Bridge Library
 Tuesday: Book a Librarian 10am – 12 pm
 Wednesday: Rhyme Time 2-2.30 pm
 Friday: Sing-a-long storytime 10.30am Mangere Bridge Library
 Friday: Children's Book club 3.30-4.30pm Mangere Bridge Library
 2nd Wed: Library Book Chat Group 10.30am
 Last Wed: Library Tea & Topics 10.30 – 11.30am
 Thursdays 7th and 21st May : Sustainable Crafts Club 10.30-11.30am

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Deadline for the June Issue is the 22nd May. To ensure that your article makes the June issue please email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz. We cannot guarantee a definite delivery time for the Village Newsletter, however we will do our best to have it delivered before the advertised upcoming events.



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